

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 273

By Harrison

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Edward Dwight Snodgrass on the occasion of his retirement for his meritorious service to the State of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those individuals who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of industry; and

WHEREAS, Edward Dwight Snodgrass is one such estimable person who recently completed his remarkable career in public education, having taken a well-deserved retirement on September 29, 2006, after giving over forty-one years of exemplary service; and

WHEREAS, the son of the late Broten and Edna Bowen Snodgrass and the brother of John, Bill, and the late Stan Snodgrass, Edward Dwight Snodgrass attended Hancock County High School and earned his Bachelor of Science degree from East Tennessee State University and his master's degree from Union College; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Snodgrass commenced his career in education as a classroom teacher at Kyles Ford School in 1961, returning to the same post in 1965 after a four-year interruption; and

WHEREAS, in 1966, Edward Dwight Snodgrass ably served as Basketball Coach/Teacher at Hancock County High School before accepting employment with the Hawkins County school system to serve as a traveling physical education teacher for Clinch School, Lonesome Pine School, Mooresburg School, and Rock Hill School for one year; and

WHEREAS, in 1968 Mr. Snodgrass was named Principal of Hancock Central Elementary School, a post he would hold until 1973, when he accepted the post of Principal/Teacher at Ramsey School for one year prior to his appointment as Principal of Hancock County High School in 1974; and

WHEREAS, reaching the pinnacle, from 1976 to 1983, Edward Dwight Snodgrass led the Hancock County School system as Superintendent of Schools; and

WHEREAS, in 1983, Mr. Snodgrass accepted the position of Executive Director with the Clinch-Powell Educational Cooperative, a post he would hold with distinction until his recent retirement; and

WHEREAS, Edward Dwight Snodgrass exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, a dedicated family man, he enjoys the love and support of his wife Pat Johnson Snodgrass, his son and daughter-in-law, Edward and Kelly Thomas Snodgrass, and his grandchildren, Olivia, Emily, and Owen; and

WHEREAS, a faithful member of Kyles Ford Baptist Church, Mr. Snodgrass is an active and important part of his community and served from 1998 to 2002, on the Hancock County Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career in education, Edward Dwight Snodgrass demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues, faculty, school board members, and students alike; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Snodgrass truly epitomizes the dedicated educator who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and he should be specially recognized for his manifold achievements on the occasion of his retirement; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Edward Dwight Snodgrass for his exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute his professional expertise and personal excellence, and extend to him our warmest wishes for an enjoyable retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.